

Commissioner Deborah A. Gist's Weekly Field Memo
November 13, 2009

**From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
(RIDE):**

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The RIDE Office of Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability will send the following letter to all principals:

We would like to invite all principals to attend a meeting to update you regarding the Common Core State Standards Initiative and Rhode Island's Race to the Top application. Education is receiving a lot of press as of late and both topics continue to headline many educators' conversations. It is our intent to provide you, the instructional leaders of your schools, information about both so you may best support and/or answer questions from your staff.

In an effort to best accommodate principals, we have scheduled regional meetings to be held at the

Collaboratives. Each meeting will begin promptly at 9:30AM and last approximately one hour. Please note that enrollment is limited due to Collaborative capacity, therefore, we ask that you respond as soon as possible.

ALL MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FROM 9:30AM -10:30AM.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

@West Bay Collaborative

144 Bignall Street
Warwick, RI 02888

Thursday, December 3, 2009

@Northern RI Collaborative

640 George Washington Highway,
Suite 200
Lincoln, RI 02865

<http://www.nric-ri.org/directions>

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

@East Bay Collaborative (EBEC)

317 Market Street
Warren, RI 02885

<http://www.ebecri.org/custom/directions.html>

Thursday, December 10, 2009

@ Southern RI Collaborative (SORICO)

646 Camp Avenue
North Kingstown, RI 02852

<http://www.ri.net/sorico/about/directions.html>

Please respond to colleen.obrien@ride.ri.gov by
November 25, 2009 using the attached [reply form](#)

indicating your preference. Remember enrollment is limited due to Collaborative capacity; please respond as soon as possible.

RIDE publishes first Rhode Island Alternate Assessment newsletter

The RIDE Office of Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability has published its first issue of the Rhode Island Alternate Assessment newsletter. The newsletter, to be published periodically throughout the year, provides key information regarding the Alternate Assessment. We have published the newsletter on the RIDE Web site, at:

[http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment/DOCS/Alternate/09_10_RIAA_Newsletter_Vol%20I_11_05_09_\(3\).pdf](http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment/DOCS/Alternate/09_10_RIAA_Newsletter_Vol%20I_11_05_09_(3).pdf)

Feel free to let others know about this new publication!